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Nigeria

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens Reconsider Travel to Nigeria due to crime, terrorism, civil unrest, kidnapping, maritime crime, and COVID-19. Some areas have increased risk. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country. They should also make sure they have at least 2 blank pages in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

US Embassy/ Consulate

[234] (9) 461-4000; US Embassy Abuja, Plot 1075 Diplomatic Drive, Central District Area, Abuja, Nigeria; AbujaACS@state.gov; <https://ng.usembassy.gov/>

Telephone Code

234

Local Emergency Phone

199

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for all travelers.

On 7 October 2019, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a Travel Health Notice for a yellow fever outbreak in Nigeria that has now spread throughout the country. The CDC recommends travelers going to Nigeria should receive vaccination against yellow fever at least 10 days before travel and should take steps to prevent mosquito bites while there; those never vaccinated against yellow fever should avoid travel to Nigeria during the outbreak. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Varies; equatorial in south, tropical in center, arid in north

Currency (Code)

Nairas (NGN)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): D,G



Major Languages

English, Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo (Ibo), Fulani, over 500 additional indigenous languages

Religions	Muslim 53.5%, Roman Catholic 10.6%, other Christian 35.3%
Time Difference	UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)
Potable Water	Opt for bottled water.
International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Right
Tourist destinations	Abudja (includes Millennium Park, Zuma Rock, Arts & Crafts Village); Nana Living History Museum; Ancient Nok Settlement; New Afrika Shrine; Osun-Osogbo Sacred Grove
Major Sports	Soccer, boxing, rugby, track and field, basketball
Cultural Practices	Using the left hand for eating or greeting is considered unclean; use the right hand instead.
Tipping Guidelines	Service charges are added in many restaurants, but if not, a 10% tip is customary. Negotiate taxi fares before embarking on a journey. Tipping is not necessary.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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